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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 18 January 1980

The Director was out of the city; Mr. Carlucci was attending an SCC meeting on Iran; Dirks chaired the meeting.

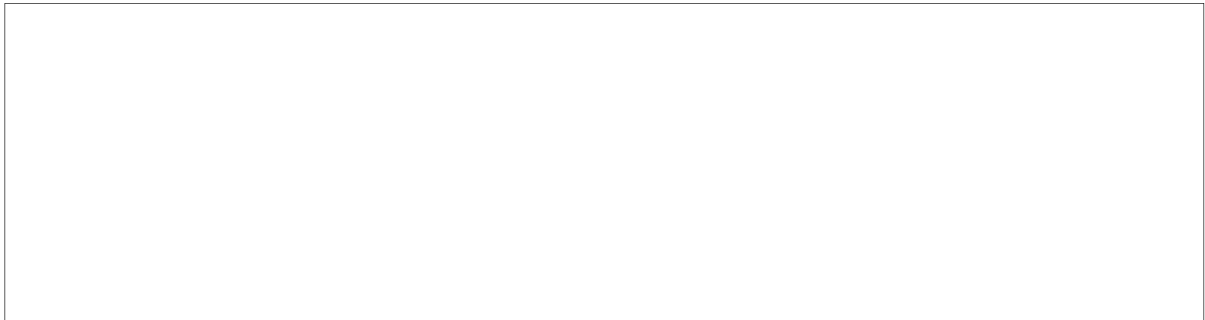
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McMahon reported briefly on the following:

--Increased anxiety in Yugoslavia re President Tito's deteriorating health. He noted a report that, depending on Soviet pressure, some Yugoslavian officials are considering a move against Albania as a way for Yugoslavia to avoid complete encirclement by the Soviets. Relatedly, Clarke displayed a timely NFAC report "Short Term Prospects for Yugoslavia" published yesterday.

--Reports of isolated instances of Afghanistan military garrison uprisings in that country.

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--Reports from several parts of the world that Cubans overseas are increasingly uneasy. McMahon said Ambassadors and DCMS are being recalled to Havana and in Madrid alone about 1,000 Cubans are seeking visas to the United States. He said also Vice President Raul Castro has been shot in the leg by a malcontent in Cuba.

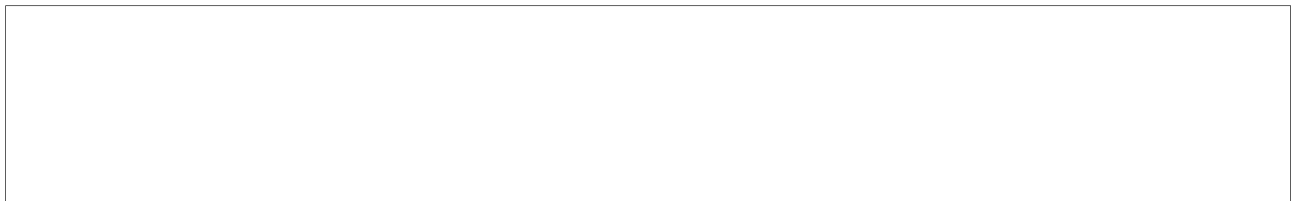
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--Report that the Soviets have halted the emigration of Jews from the USSR; no new applications are being accepted.

--American banking sources in Europe have advised that U.S. economic support to East European countries at this time is a poor credit risk.

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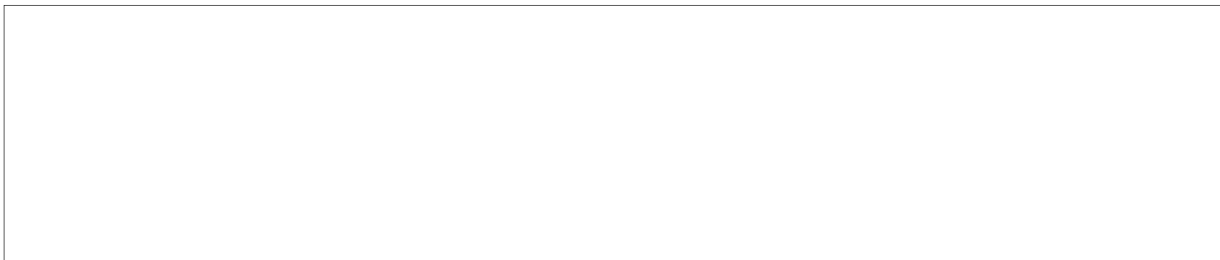


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--Libya's Qadhafi has been advised by the PLO that now is the time for him to invest \$2 million to put ships in the Suez Canal, then blow them up. Reportedly, Qadhafi responded that the PLO undertake this venture and he would reimburse them.

--Report that leaflets have been distributed in Azerbaijan calling for an uprising on 17 February.

--The Soviets have protested to State Department re listening devices discovered in apartments at their new Embassy compound in Washington, D.C. 25X1



Fitzwater reported a very noticeable increase in cancellations re recruitment follow-up interviews. He attributes this largely to the current crises abroad and particularly to the hostage situation in Iran, i.e., prospective employees watching how the United States will protect its personnel overseas.

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Hetu reported briefly that he, [] (NIO/PE), [] (NIO/USSR-EE), and [] (OER) met yesterday with White House officials re briefing to newsmen on the implications of U.S. sanctions against Iran (see Staff Meeting Minutes of 16 January). Hetu said no briefing by the Agency will be given to newsmen today. He said such a briefing is likely to take place tomorrow and will be conducted by State and Agriculture, probably Agriculture alone dealing principally with the grain sanction. []

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Hetu played a tape of Jody Powell's appearance this morning on the "Today Show" in which Powell dealt with former Ambassador to Moscow Malcolm Toon's public statement that he was surprised over President Carter's reported surprise of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Powell explained that intelligence on Soviet operations in the Afghanistan area prior to invasion was excellent but pinpointing intentions is extremely difficult. []

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Clarke announced [] have been appointed Director and Deputy Director, respectively, of the Office of Central Reference vice [] reassigned.

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Clarke reported NFAC will brief SASC Staff Director Frank Sullivan today re OSR's recent publication: Soviet and U.S. Defense Activities, 1970-79: A Dollar Comparison.

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Hitz said he anticipates a lot of business with the Congressional Committees next week including individual intelligence updates to returning members. He said he proposes to accomplish this largely with intelligence publications and will coordinate with the DDO to ensure sensitive ORCON items in the publications are removed. He said Senators Church and Javits are to be briefed Monday on Findings and suggested Mr. Carlucci be the briefer. Hitz noted also the dilemma of Secretary Vance briefing Congressional Committees re an aid

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